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Bunyan Al-Marsous Operation's Spokesman: U.S. AFRICOM Troops Arrived in Misurata



Spokesman of Bunyan Al-Marsous Operation Mohammed Al-Ghasri affirmed that a group of the U.S. Africa Command's military reached the airbase in the coastal city of Misurata.

According to his statement, the US AF plane, that were carrying the U.S. AFRICOM troops, landed on last Saturday on the airbase of Misurata Air Force College.

The tweet below confirmed that on July 21, the US AF C17-A Globemaster III (10-0222) call sign RCH157 departed from Aquaba airport, Jordan, heading for Misurata.



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Mohammed Al-Ghasri revealed that the American military arrived in Libya "in cooperation activities with the Government of National Accord's Presidential Council headed by Fayez Sarraj in the field of combating the ISIS in Libya".

The U.S. AFRICOM mission has returned to Libya approximately three months after it announced on April 7 a temporary relocation of its forces due to "increased unrest" and in response to security conditions in the country.



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Footage showing the [#US](#) Africa Command's military gunboats evacuate a number of American nationals and security personnel from [#Libya](#) in the coastal village of Palm City in Janzour district, W of the capital [#Tripoli](#).



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The decision to withdraw the US troops from the North African country came shortly after the Libyan National Army Commander Khalifa Haftar ordered his army's forces to start a full-scale offensive to take over the capital Tripoli.

Following the announcement of the relocation, the U.S. Africa Command also stated that it would continue to monitor the situation on the ground, and assess the feasibility for renewed U.S. military presence.

Since the very beginning of the LNA's "Flood of Dignity" operation, the brigades and armed groups from Misurata city are deeply involved in the confrontation with the rival forces of Khalifa Haftar.

Meanwhile, the airbase of Misurata Air Force Academy, where the US AFRICOM officers have been deployed, constitutes one of two main airbase of the GNA Air Force carrying out combat missions against the LNA's positions in southern Tripoli and central Libya.

In late June, the Washington Post reported that revealed that a mercenary pilot flying for Misurata who was captured by (<https://smmlibya.wordpress.com/2019/05/07/khalifa-haftars-forces-claimed-to-have-shot-down-war-plane-and-capture-mercenary-pilot-fighting-for-tripolis-government/>) LNA (<https://smmlibya.wordpress.com/2019/05/07/khalifa-haftars-forces-claimed-to-have-shot-down-war-plane-and-capture-mercenary-pilot-fighting-for-tripolis-government/>) after his aircraft went down on early May near Tripoli appeared an American Air Force veteran, Jamie Sponaugle.

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